

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In the application of: Henry Guy Stevens
United States National Phase
Application corresponding to
PCT/GB99/02822

For: : PVA-Containing Compositions

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Upon the granting of a serial number and filing date
for the above application, please amend the application as
follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-34 and substitute new claims 35-
64 as follows:

A' 35. A polymer feedstock in the form of a cold-pressed tablet or
pellet for use in extrusion of an extruded product containing
PVA, the cold-pressed tablet or pellet comprising a blend of PVA
and up to 5% lubricant by weight to render the blend extrudable.

36. A polymer feedstock according to claim 35 wherein the
lubricant comprises a fatty acid amide.

37. A polymer feedstock according to claim 36 wherein the fatty
acid amide is a straight or branched C₁₂-C₂₄ fatty acid amide.